

# BMC Centennial Celebration Attracts Capacity Crowds

Capacity crowds enjoyed what was billed as "Mississippi's first outdoor spectacular" in a presentation depicting the 100 year history of Blue Mountain College. Complete with an 1885 horse drawn hearse and a 1926 pick-up truck, the production employed a cast and staff of more than 200 people.

Attending the premier performance of the production Friday night, Mar. 8 were Governor and Mrs. William L. Waller with the First Lady being one of four honorees at an Awards Dinner held prior to the initial showing of the spectacle.

Others honored at the dinner were Mrs. Lawrence T. Lowrey of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who was First Lady of Blue Mountain from 1952-60, Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler who is currently on the faculty of BMC and was First Lady of the school from 1960-65 and Dr. Chester Swor of Jackson, who has written several books and is counselor at Mississippi College this semester.

The centennial production was written and directed by Orlin Corey of Pineville, Kentucky who is resident director of the Everyman Players and is most famous for his adaptation of the "Book of Job." It has been presented for 15 consecutive summers in his home state.

Playing the lead in the production was Dale Carter Cooper of Louisville, Kentucky. She has performed at some of the most prestigious playhouses in America and portrayed a 1939 alumnae of BMC in the theatrical production. Miss Cooper was confronted with the many changes in college life upon her return to the cam-

pus.

"This production was designed to show the accomplishments, the problems and the future of private colleges in the United States and how a renewal of commitment to one's school is so necessary at this particular time," BMC president Harold Fisher said.

Employing elements of humor, drama and satire all drawn from actual Blue Mountain happenings, the

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Blue Mountain College hosted an Awards Dinner in conjunction with their Centennial Celebration wherein they presented citations to four distinguished Mississippians. From left: Mrs. William Waller, Jackson, an honoree; Dr. Chester Swor of Jackson, an honoree; Blue Moun-

tain President E. Harold Fisher; Mrs. Lawrence T. Lowrey of Baton Rouge, La., an honoree; Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler of Blue Mountain, an honoree and Joe Jack Hurst of Jackson, president of the BMC board of trustees.



A scene from the Centennial production during the early part of school's history.



Miss Joy Hurt of Memphis was crowned the queen of the Blue Mountain College Centennial celebration. She was crowned by President Harold Fisher and was served by her Maid of Honor, Miss Doris Jackson of Faulkner. Joy represented the first lady to step into the second 100 years of the college.

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## FMB Hears Financial Report; Designates Relief For Niger

RICHMOND (BP)—In its March meeting here, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board responded again to the continuing needs resulting from the drought-created famine in West Africa and heard an optimistic report from its executive secretary concerning receipts from the Cooperative Program (unified budget) and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Responding to requests from the board's missionaries in the Republic of Niger, the board approved the recommendation that Dr. Walter M. Moore, missionary to Ghana, and missionary journeyman Rachel Brandy, be transferred temporarily to the Niger Republic in order to meet emergency medical needs among about 24,000 famine-stricken refugees at Maradi, Niger.

The board also appropriated \$6,900 from relief funds to purchase food and drugs to help Maradi's refugees. In February, \$5,000 in relief funds was sent to Niger. In previous months, smaller amounts had been contributed toward famine relief in West Africa.

In his report to the board, Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, made reference to a special committee, named at the February meeting of the Executive Committee in Nashville, to work out a proposal to challenge Southern Baptists in the final quarter of this century in bold mission advance.

"It is our hope and prayer that out of this development may come a new thrust in missionary commitment in the face of the vast needs which must be confronted in the years ahead," he stated.

Cauthen expressed appreciation for reports from Nashville of an increase of more than 15 percent in receipts through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program from October through February over the same period last year.

"Today the Foreign Mission Board is even more reliant upon the Cooperative Program than in 1948 when the Foreign Mission Advance Program was launched," Cauthen said. "In 1948, the Cooperative Program brought 42.41 percent of all gifts re-

ceived by the Foreign Mission Board. In 1973 the percentage was 43.45," he said.

Cauthen also reported that \$17,662,404.12 has been received so far from the 1973 Woman's Missionary Union-sponsored Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Books on the offering will remain open through April, Cauthen said.

The board also heard a detailed report about the West African drought. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for

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## 'Flier' Gambling Article Draws Texas Baptists' Fire

By Dan Martin

DALLAS (BP)—Parimutuel gambling is a hot topic in Texas.

Texas Baptists got into the gambling fray in a new way recently when Texas International Airlines, a regional air carrier, distributed to its patrons a magazine which contained an article favorable to horserace gambling.

The magazine, Texas Flyer, contained an article entitled "Off and Running." It was subtitled, "Parimutuel Race Partisans and Religious Zealots Stand at the Starting Gate of a Holy War."

John Hurt, editor of the weekly Baptist Standard, suggested Texas Baptists use Texas International "only when essential," because of the article.

Hurt's comments came in response to a letter by Jimmy Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church of San Antonio, and former executive secretary of the Texas Christian Life Commission.

Allen had suggested a letter writing campaign to the president of the airline, noting Texas Baptists spend thousands of dollars annually traveling on the airline.

Hurt told a secular news reporter he favors traveling "as little as possible" on the airline until it publicly apologizes for the gambling article.

The matter of horserace gambling has long been a key issue for Texas Baptists. A number of battles have been fought against what Allen terms

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## HMB Names Officers, Ups Budget, Adjusts Staff

MEMPHIS (BP)—The Home Mission Board elected new officers, approved and adjusted the 1974 budget reflecting increased income and approved an adjustment in administrative organization at its spring meeting here.

Russell H. Dilday Jr., pastor of Second Ponce de Leon Church in Atlanta, was elected president of the board, succeeding Jack P. Lowndes, pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, Arlington, Va.

Other officers elected included A.

Bruce Coyle, pastor of Highland Heights Baptist Church in Memphis, first vice president; Carl Roger McDonald, pastor of First Baptist Church of Toccoa, Ga., second vice president; Mrs. I. W. Bowen III, Forsyth, Ga., recording secretary; Mrs. Ralph M. Blanchard, Atlanta, assistant recording secretary.

The board met at Highland Heights Church in a precedent-setting session. Only once before, at the 125th anniversary session in Augusta, Ga., and summer sessions at Glorieta and Ridgecrest, has the board met outside Atlanta.

The meeting here was the first in a new plan to move the spring meeting to cities around the convention to give more Baptists the opportunity to see the board at work. Future meetings are scheduled at Tulsa, Okla., in 1975 and Washington, D. C., in 1976.

The adjusted budget approved here for 1974 is \$18,229,038, an increase of almost \$200,000 over the \$18,039,210 previously approved. The boost was prompted by increased Southern

Baptist Cooperative Program (unified budget) giving. Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director of the Home Mission Board, announced that Cooperative Program receipts for the first five months of the current fiscal year were up 14 per cent.

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## N. O. Seminary Trustees Focus Sights On Future

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary trustees focused their sights on the future in their annual session March 12-14 as they named a committee to seek a new president for the school, approved construction plans, adopted the largest budget in the seminary's history, and appointed a new faculty member.

The school's search for a new chief executive began Feb. 7 when president Grady C. Cothen offered his resignation to the executive committee of the board of trustees. Dr. Cothen, who has been named president-elect

of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will assume his duties in Nashville May 1.

In their annual meeting, the trustees ratified the action of the executive committee in accepting Dr. Cothen's resignation and in appointing Dr. Ray P. Rust, executive assistant to the president, as acting president. They also honored Dr. and Mrs. Cothen with a testimonial dinner.

To fill the vacancy created by Dr. Cothen's resignation, the board named a unique presidential nominating

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## A Trip To The Holy Land

AN EDITORIAL REPORT

Hundreds and possibly, thousands of Mississippians have visited the Holy Land. They have joined the hundreds of thousands of tourists who visit the land each year.

There are varied reasons for these journeys.

Probably, the vast majority go simply to visit the places of Bible record. They want to walk where Jesus walked, and where other Bible personalities lived and worked. This in itself has made tourism one of the largest businesses in Israel today.

There are, however, other reasons for going to the land.

Some go to study Bible content and history, in the land where the events occurred;

Some go to see the fulfillment of prophecy, as the little nation of Israel grows ever stronger, and seems to be fulfilling so many of the prophecies spoken long ago.

Some go to see the exciting growth of the young country, and the amazing things it is doing in building a strong new nation in an area where once existed little more than desolation and crumbling ruins of generations past.

Some go to attend conventions which are held in the Bible lands. More than four thousand were attending a Holy Spirit conference in Jerusalem during the early days of March when we were there.

Thus, there are numerous reasons for vis-

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## Win Strategy In Texas Church

By Luther Slay  
Pastor, Faith Baptist Church  
Wichita Falls, Texas

As pastor of a Southern Baptist Church for twenty years I found myself going from here to there wondering what I was going to do next to keep my people out of the valleys and on the mountaintops. I have tried every program that has ever been presented by Southern Baptists. All of them were good, but none of them, including revivals, were even too lasting.

Approximately two years ago I was introduced to the W.I.N. Strategy Training. It did not take me long to see that God had His hand on this

effort and that I had not solved all my problems, but I had found an answer to a great number of them if I would just employ this training in my church family. I had wrestled for years with the time problem that all pastors here. After seven W. I. N. Strategy Training Sessions in my church back-to-back, I can honestly say that for time invested, my dividends are far greater in the W. I. N. Strategy Training than in any other endeavor in my church. The time I invest in personally leading the W.I.N. Strategy in my own church brings dividends far greater than any

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## Ministers' Wives To Hold Dallas Roundup

DALLAS (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention Ministers' Wives Conference will meet at First Baptist Church, Dallas, June 11, 1974.

The conference, based on the theme, "1974 Roundup of Ministers' Wives," will include a panel discussion on concerns and current stresses faced by ministers' wives.

Panel members are Mrs. Huber Drumwright, moderator, and Mrs. John Claypool, both of Fort Worth; Mrs. Forbes Woods and Mrs. John

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## World Baptist Population Up

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The world Baptist population increased this past year by another 2.25 per cent, bringing the new figure on baptized believers of the Baptist faith to 32,492,813, the Baptist World Alliance has reported. While records for some years are not available, it is believed that the Baptist population has increased every year since the Alliance was founded in 1905.

The continent with the greatest increase during the past year was North America from 22,013,168 to 22,506,096, increase of 582,928 or nearly 2%. The continent with the greatest

proportionate increase was Africa, which shot up from 652,196 to 716,032, an increase of 63,834 or 9.8%.

North America is the principal continental area for Baptists, with its 22,506,096 share of the overall total. Within North America, the Southern Baptist Convention is the largest body; it has 12,297,346. The second greatest Baptist population by continent is in Asia, with 1,100,893; the third largest is in Europe with 1,158,972.

The analysis by countries shows the leading Baptist locations to be:

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thing else that I have ever attempted to do. I believe the key to the success of it is that I lead these sessions myself.

Someone asked me the other day how we manage to get it in with all the other things that we had to do. That is a rather lengthy story, but I will just give you part of it. It had to start in my own life. I had to establish some priorities. I had to go to Ephesians 4 and ask myself the question, Is there anything else more important in my ministry than winning people to Jesus and equipping the saints to do the same? Immediately I realized that I had hit upon something that had haunted me all of my ministry. I, like every pastor I know, was trying to do too much. Many of the things I was trying to do were real good things, but they did not have as their outcome the winning of people or the equipping of the saints. Therefore, I had to establish some priorities. And when I did this,

I had to quit some things that I really enjoyed in order to do what the Lord called me to do.

When I got the priorities established in my own life, then I began to try to establish that Number One priority in the church of winning people and equipping the saints. I found out immediately that this is not done on a mass movement, but it is primarily done one person at a time. I started with my deacon council. Out of twenty-three active deacons, nineteen of them have completed the W.I.N. Strategy Training and follow-through and have become life-style witnesses. I went from there to my Sunday School leadership. I approached them as individuals and encouraged them to become involved in the W.I.N. Strategy Training. Approximately 85 percent of all our Sunday School church elected leadership has completed W.I.N. Strategy Training, and now we are in the process of working through the church membership.

As for the church program, W.I.N. Evangelism is the Number One priority. We simply sit down with our church calendar and plot our course for W.I.N. Evangelism Training and Follow-through Sessions first. And then we work everything else around that. We have a four or five-night school. We follow through with a twelve week Thursday night visitation and follow-through. On the thirteenth week we have our Winner Banquet and on the fourteenth week we start our next W.I.N. Strategy Training Sessions. It is just as simple as that. Everything else, including stewardship, revivals, or any other special emphasis, takes second place. Nothing interferes with that emphasis on our church calendar. Consequently, we have seen God work miracles. We have seen men, women and teenagers who before W.I.N. Evangelism

were unable to give you the time of day, now have become dynamic witnesses. We have seen our offerings continue to increase Sunday by Sunday. Before W.I.N. Evangelism our church averaged around \$1,500 on first Sunday offerings and in the neighborhood of \$900 or \$1,000 on the other Sundays in the month. Now our first Sunday offerings are over \$3,000 on many Sundays and our regular weekly offerings run in the neighborhood of \$2,000 per Sunday. Our Sunday School attendance continues to remain stable and we continue to see people saved and Christians' lives changed because of W.I.N. Evangelism.

It is not the answer to all of our problems, but it is an answer to the majority of them. For time invested, the dividends are tremendous. Praise the Lord for W.I.N. Evangelism. — (Mr. Slay was formerly a pastor in Mississippi.)



Hints



Andrews



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## Mission Friends, Girls In Action, Acteen Workshops Scheduled

Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union is sponsoring a series of Workshops for leaders of Mission Friends, Girls in Action and Acteens organizations.

Special emphasis will be given to mission action, Mission Adventures (the individual achievement plan for Girls in Action), Studiaact (the individual achievement plan for Acteens), and unit planning.

Out-of-state workshop personalities will be Miss Sheryl Churchill, Acteens Director, Texas Woman's Missionary Union; Mrs. William Hinte of Arizona, writer of Girls in Action materials; and Mrs. William Andrews of Maryland, writer of Mission Friends materials.

The workshops will be under the

direction of Miss Marilyn Hopkins, Acteens Director, and Miss Waudine Storey, Mission Friends - Girls in Action Director, both of Mississippi WMU.

Pre-school care will be provided for each of the meetings. The schedule of meetings follows:

April 1 - 9-12 a.m., First Baptist Church, Senatobia; 7-9:30 p.m., Clarksdale Church, Clarksdale. 2 - 9-12 a.m., First, Indianola; 7-9:30 p.m., Immanuel, Grenada. 3 - 9-12 a.m., Hillcrest, New Albany. 4 - 9-12 a.m., Fairview Columbus; 7-9:30 p.m., 15th Avenue, Meridian. 5 - 9-12 a.m., Broadmoor, Jackson. 8 - 9-12 a.m., Roxie; 7-9:30 p.m., Monticello. 9 - 9-12 a.m., First, Laurel; 7-9:30 p.m., First, Gulfport. 10 - 9-12 a.m., Temple, Hattiesburg.



Vaughn



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## Series Man-Boy Rallies Set

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lead in prayer.

Rev. Floyd Stallings, missionary

to Bangladesh, will deliver the mission message at the Pontotoc rally, with Dr. Harold Kitchings, pastor First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, to be the inspirational speaker. Lewis Harrington, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Booneville, will lead the music, with Dr. Levon Moore, pastor of the host church, to read scripture and lead in prayer.

At the Newton rally the mission speaker will be Rev. John Merritt, missionary to Germany, with the inspirational speaker to be Rev. Tommy Baddley, pastor First Baptist Church, Brandon. Scripture and prayer will be led by Rev. Hardy Denham, pastor First Baptist Church, Newton, with Mr. Vaughn to lead music.

Mission speaker at the Wiggins rally will be Rev. Daniel R. Sanchez of the Language Division of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, with Rev. Byron Malone, pastor Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson, to deliver the inspirational address. Rev. James Street, host pastor, will lead in scripture and prayer, with the music to be led by Mr. Vaughn.

At each rally recognition will be given for the following:

Church with the largest number of chapters present, largest number of people present from a given church, greatest distance traveled and advancement completed in each age group.

Self Creek (Oktibbeha): youth - led revival; March 20-23; services at 7:30 p.m.; youth team from Mississippi State University in charge; Sam Sumrall, preacher; Ed Dedieux, song leader; Cathy Lee, pianist; Rev. Billy Floyd, pastor.

## World Baptist ...

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United States, 29,379,598; India, 734,203; Soviet Union, 535,000; Brazil, 406,325; Burma, 290,631; United Kingdom, 260,854; Zaire, 252,550; Canada, 188,774; Romania, 150,000; Nigeria, 134,550.

The same nations, in the same sequence, were the "top ten" a year ago.

The Alliance figures include Baptists not affiliated with the organization, as well as those which are affiliated. Some non-affiliated bodies cooperate well in supplying data for the statistical roundup, according to Alliance officials; others do not respond, making it necessary for the data to be obtained through indirect sources or occasionally to be estimated on the basis of earlier data.

Of the total Baptist population, 27,679,283 or 82.6% are in the Alliance affiliates. Baptists of Europe show the greatest inclination to be a part of the Alliance's worldwide fellowship, with 91.7% there being in BWA bodies. In North America the corresponding percentage is 83.0. The continent with the smallest proportion of Alliance affiliation is Africa, where only 62.0% are so reported.

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West Africa, told board members how the famine is affecting people in the six countries that border the Sahara Desert. He explained that Southern Baptist relief will be concentrated in the Republic of Niger, since that is the only West African country where Southern Baptist missionaries are directly involved in relief efforts.

"We shall await recommendations of the newly-strengthened Niger Republic Mission concerning any possible expansion of the relief program in that country," Goerner continued, "and shall remain open to requests for additional funds or even personnel to meet future needs in Upper Volta and Senegal."

While decision are made and help is being found, four Southern Baptist missionaries to Niger, the Palmers and Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Williams are working nearly around the clock to distribute food and care for the sick. They write that there is more work than they can possibly do, but say they won't give up.

They were sent to the Republic of Niger, the 77th Southern Baptist mission field, to help develop a Christian trade school.

For them, the additional help will mean the school again can be their principal job, but for the people of Maradi the job is still the same, simply a matter of survival.

Goerner, in his report, to the Foreign Mission Board, stated "The famine and consequent population displacements in West Africa cannot be ignored. Every means must be explored, not only to meet the immediate crisis and avert mass starvation, but to take steps toward changing the total ecological pattern of Northwest

## 'Reach-Out' '74-75 Is Church Project

Enrollment in Mississippi Baptist Sunday Schools show a numerical increase of 5,137 for 1972-73. This is a 1.6 gain as compared to a .10 or (4,889 numerical) gain Convention wide.

Renewed interest in outreach, more consistent training of workers, most especially the 1972 emphasis upon Sunday School enlargement are factors which figure prominently in the enrollment increase.

A continued increase will be realized when reaching people for Bible study and for Christ remains our primary objective.

For this reason REACH OUT 1974-75 becomes a special church project. It centers in a one week thrust called REACH OUT WEEK, but it involves a search for people who need Jesus, and a positive six-week visitation emphasis when every prospect of every church will be visited at least once. REACH OUT calls for launching a continuing reaching people emphasis. The central week begins on September 29, 1974 and REACH OUT reaches a climax with a High Attendance Celebration Sunday November 17, 1974.

## "Bible Study" Wins Commercial Award

NASHVILLE — "Bible Study," a television commercial prepared for the general officers section of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, was selected as one of the 100 best television commercials of 1974 by "Advertising Age."

The commercial depicts one hardhat worker discussing with another the importance of Bible study in answering life's problems.

State conventions, metropolitan areas, associations and local congregations may use the commercial. A sponsoring organization may add an identifying tag to the end to promote a particular event or Bible study in general.

Inquiries concerning use of the commercial may be sent to Ernest Adams, Sunday School department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

TimeRite, Inc., Dallas, was the producing agency and W. C. Woody, vice-president and general manager of TimeRite was the executive producer. The producer was Tom Young and production was done by Keitz & Herndon Productions of Dallas.

## Mississippi Group Buys Truck ...

# Baptists Respond To Needs In Drought-Stricken Niger

MARADI, Niger (BP) — The distressing cry for help thunders louder and more desperate here as famine and disease daily claim scores of lives.

Among those responding to the cry are Southern Baptists, whose missionaries have witnessed first hand the drought and the resulting needs of famine-stricken people.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in its March meeting approved the transfer of a missionary doctor and nurse to meet emergency medical needs and to assist the two missionary couples stationed here.

In addition, the board appropriated \$6,900 to purchase needed medical supplies and food for the Niger Republic. In February, \$5,000 had been designated for relief. H. Cornell Goerner, the board's secretary for West Africa, reported the needs of the five West African nations hardest hit by the famine and recommended aid be sent here since Southern Baptist personnel are available to help.

The Agricultural Missions Foundation based at Yazoo City, Miss has contributed \$6,000 to be used to purchase a small pick-up truck for distribution of food and medicine.

Dr. Walter M. Moore, presently stationed at the Baptist Medical Center in Nalerigu, Ghana, will be transferred to the Niger Republic. Dr. Moore recently toured the area with John E. Mills, field representative to West Africa.

Miss Rachel Bandy, Southern Baptist missionary journeyman with public health training, will assist Dr. Moore. She also is currently stationed in Nalerigu.

The drought-created famine began last year, but the impact of it is worse now than ever. In the words of Oumarou Youssoufou, Niger Republic official who was influential in the opening of Baptist work here, "Last year we lost half of our cattle. This year it is the people who are dying."

According to 1972 figures, 90 percent of the Republic of Niger's four million people are dependent on agriculture and livestock for their existence. The drought means these people must now turn to nomadic-like wandering in search of food.

Because Maradi is one of the best watered and best cultivated sections of the republic it has become one of the major centers for refugees forced by the famine to leave their homes to live in cornstalk huts. The influx of 24,000 homeless and starving put the final unbearable strain on the already hungry people here.

Now the number of those starving to death and dying of malnutrition-related disease is estimated by Dr. Moore to be about 100 daily, mostly babies, pre-school children, expectant and nursing mothers and the elderly.

"Everytime we go among the cornstalk houses, people come from all areas and ask us to come to their 'house' and help their children," said missionary Mrs. H. Jerald Palmer Jr. "Mothers by the score come with their babies. A large majority need medical help now or will need it in a few days. It is hard to know which ones can wait until another day."

"After so long a time we simply

have to leave and tell them 'until tomorrow,'" Mrs. Palmer reports. "When tomorrow comes, we wonder which place we should go — to the same place we went yesterday, or to some area where we have not been."

The harvest, if the rain comes, will not be until August. Grain to feed the refugees is being brought to this area from the capital city, Niamey, 400 miles to the west. Youssoufou was among those who opened the way for grain to be shipped in adequate quantities from Niamey. The problem of distribution will be solved partially by the pick-up truck to be purchased.

An order for an estimated month's supply of drugs has already been placed with the medical assistance program and is being sent by air freight as early as possible. Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, the board's medical consultant, composed the list of needed drugs which included penicillin, vitamins, cod liver oil and vaccines.

MADRID, Spain — The first quarter of 1974 will witness the constitution of three Baptist churches in Spain. All three churches began as missions of First Baptist Church here. The Baptist Church of Barrio del Pilar was constituted here January 19, while the Baptist Church of Vallecas and the Baptist Church of Cordoba are scheduled to be constituted February 23 and March 19. According to press representative Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, the "mother church" is pleased that the "children" have progressed to the point of being able to operate on their own.





## Baylor U. Offers Position To Exiled Russian Author

WACO, Tex. (BP) — Alexander Solzhenitsyn, exiled Russian author, has been offered a special position here by Baylor University, the largest Baptist school in the world.

"We have extended him an invitation through the state department to become writer in residence," said Baylor Provost Herbert Reynolds. Reynolds said although the expelled Solzhenitsyn appears to be a member

of the Russian Orthodox Church, he "certainly is a spokesman for freedom of religion."

Since this is not a regular appointment, Reynolds continued, "we would not be as concerned with details as with regular faculty." Reynolds illustrated by saying that while Solzhenitsyn is from a Communist country, it would be difficult for the famous figure to be subversive or for anyone to doubt his motives after standing up to the Soviet Government.

Texas Senator John Tower and Congressman Bob Poage, the latter a graduate of Baylor, also have appealed to the State Department in Baylor's behalf to extend the invitation. Baylor officials do not know when they will receive a reply to the offer. "It's a long shot but we feel he might like to relocate in the United States. If he is inclined to do so, we'd like to see if he would come here," said Reynolds.

## Revival Dates

**First, Inverness:** March 24 - 29; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. with dinner on the ground; 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. during week; Rev. Stafford Hebert, Jacksonville, Fla., evangelist; Tom Larrimore, music evangelist, Jackson, leading music; Ed Sudduth, James D. Watson Evangelistic Association, organist; Dr. John Cobb, pastor.



## Series "Small Church" SS Meetings Held

A series of "Small Church" Sunday School conferences was held over the state recently. Several leaders are seen at conference held at Temple Baptist Church in Jackson. From left: Rev. Bryant Cummings, director of Sunday School Department, sponsor; Mrs. Dennis Kissinger, of First Church, Vicksburg, on faculty; Gene Hendrix, minister of education, Van Winkle Church, Jackson, faculty; Mrs. Peggy Ward, of Highland Church, Vicksburg, faculty; and Rev. Wayne Crenshaw, host church pastor. 1056 Sunday School officers and teachers were in attendance at thirty Area Small Sunday School Conferences with 187 local churches represented. These Small Sunday School Conferences were designed for Sunday Schools with 150 or less enrolled.

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## Little Rock Will Host FMB Appointment Service

RICHMOND — A special appointment service for approximately 20 overseas missionary candidates of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held at Little Rock's Robinson Auditorium, April 9 at 7 p.m.

The ceremony will be part of the spring meeting of the Convention's Foreign Mission Board which begins Monday, April 8, and concludes Wednesday, April 10. The public is invited to attend the Tuesday evening appointment service and a business session beginning 9 a.m. Wednesday at Immanuel Baptist Church.

Foreign Mission Board staff personnel and missionaries will speak in Little Rock area Baptist churches on Sunday, April 7.

Little Rock will be the first Arkansas city to host such a meeting. The Foreign Mission Board usually meets in Richmond, although at least once a year for the past five years it has met in another city.

This is "to allow Baptist people to

participate more directly in the appointment of the missionaries whom they support," says Jesse C. Fletcher, the board's mission support division director.

Featured speaker for the Tuesday appointment service will be Baker J. Caution, executive secretary for the overseas agency. He will present certificates of appointment and deliver the charge of new missionaries following their Christian testimonies and approval by the board.

Ouachita Baptist University's 150-voice choir will sing during the meeting.

In other sessions at Immanuel Baptist Church, the board is expected to approve about 90 young people to begin training as missionary journeymen. Journeymen are college graduates no older than 26 who go overseas for two years to work in a specific job alongside career missionaries.

## Camp Garaywa—A Center Of Missions Activities

By Barbara Taylor

Camp Garaywa, owned and operated by Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, is a center of missions activities all year long. WMU sponsors many conferences, retreats, camps, and other meetings in which missions information is given to young and old alike in Mississippi.

One example of the meetings which are held at Garaywa is Queens' Court, an annual weekend retreat for Acteens, held March 8-10 this year. Let's look at a few of the activities from Queens' Court which are representative of the happenings enjoyed at Garaywa during the course of a year.

Camp Garaywa is a place where people can enjoy the quietness and beauty of God's nature. It provides a place where one can reflect on the goodness of God and can receive a feeling of being refreshed simply by being in such beautiful surroundings.

Garaywa means the gathering of people from all sections of our state to enjoy the warmth of new friendships, the renewal of old

friendships, the freshness of new ideas which are shared.

The relaxed atmosphere of the camp makes possible informal visits with missionaries who are present at meetings. In this way participants learn first-hand about those people serving our Southern Baptist missionaries and about missions around our world.

Although informality is present at Garaywa, activities are planned carefully in order to give those attending the best possible information in an interesting way. At such encounters as "Missions Fairs," or "Market Places," missionaries visit with participants, letting them see curios, national costumes — preparing food samples to be tasted — sharing customs, life styles, and experiences of life in a different culture.

Garaywa means good times and fond memories — singing together, enjoying the recreation provided, walking along the Nature Trail.

Garaywa means missions — and providing an atmosphere in which Christians not only can share their faith in God with others, but also can learn ways in which they, too, can better serve.



Pictured leading a song-time at Queens' Court is Buddy Stallings. Seated on the platform are Miss Marilyn Hopkins, Acteens Director; and Rev. Elie Woerner, missionary, Louisiana.



Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Stallings of Clinton pictured at the "Market Place Encounter" at Queens' Court, March 8-10. Buddy served as a summer missionary to Bangladesh while Mrs. Stallings, the former Geri Lea Sullivan, served as a journeyman to Bangalore, India.



Visiting with some Acteens at the Trading Post at Garaywa is Rev. Elie Woerner, missionary to the French-speaking people in Louisiana.



Mrs. James P. Gilbert, missionary to Ecuador, prepares empanaditas (fried pies) a food common in Ecuador, for the Acteens to sample.



The dining hall is a favorite place on the camp grounds—and one place where a lot of visiting takes place—as well as a lot of eating!

## Seminary Trustees Focus On Future

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committee, composed of seven trustees, one faculty member, and one student.

Dr. Robert Marsh, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala., was selected chairman of the committee. Elected to serve with him were Dr. Malcolm Tolbert of the seminary faculty, vice - chairman, and the Rev. Ralph Jernigan, associate pastor of Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., secretary. Chairman Marsh, who noted that recommendations for the new seminary head could be addressed to any committee officer, said: "We solicit the suggestions and prayers of our Southern Baptist brethren."

In other action the board elected Dr. Robert S. Magee, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Ruston, La., as its first new president in six years. A seminary alumnus, Dr. Magee received his Th.D. degree from New Orleans in 1962. Re-elected to serve with him were Floyd Lewis, New Orleans, vice - president; Hugh Brooks, also of New Orleans, secretary; and David Walker, Baton Rouge, treasurer.

Turning to the future needs of the school, the board heard a report on bids received for the construction of an addition to the library and for the renovation of two buildings. The trustees referred the details of the contract arrangements, hopefully to be completed within the next three weeks, to the executive committee.

The board, in other construction action, approved plans for the erection of a spire on Roland Q. Leavell Chapel. Details of contract arrangements were referred by the board to the executive committee for "immediate implementation," according to Dr. Rust. He noted, however, that construction of the spire would depend upon the availability of sufficient funds.

The trustees also authorized the initiation of detailed planning for an addition to the seminary's Preschool Center. The center, which offers day care service for campus children, serves as a laboratory experience for students preparing for ministry with preschool children.

In the financial scene, the board adopted a budget of \$2,144,174, the largest in the school's history. The increase to New Orleans Seminary

from Cooperative Program funds for fiscal year 1974 - 75 will be used for cost - of - living salary increases, Dr. Rust said.

In faculty action, the trustees promoted Dr. Mildred C. Souther from associate professor of childhood education to professor of religious education and granted tenure to Dr. J. Terry Young, associate professor of theology.

The board also approved employment of Dr. William B. Rogers, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va., as associate professor of religious education. A graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Rogers will begin his work at New Orleans Seminary July 1. Commenting on his appointment, Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy academic dean, stated: "Dr. Rogers is superbly qualified, both from the standpoints of academic preparation of professional experience, to make a very significant contribution to the seminary."

In other action relating to faculty members, the trustees named retiring professors E. N. Patterson and William H. Souther as professors emeriti. Dr. Rust, summarizing the board's 1974 session, declared: "The attitude of the board was positive; the plans, progressive and forward - looking."

## Blue Mountain Celebrates

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production traced the 100 year history of the school from its founding in 1873 to the present and emphasized the importance of women's higher Christian education and the role it has played in the development of the region and the state.

"We deeply appreciate the many, many alumnae, friends and visitors who came to the campus during this special time and we hope they will return as soon and as often as possible," President Fisher said.

He also paid special praise to the BMC faculty for their efforts in helping produce the Centennial weekend and to the many people in surrounding communities who helped the college in many ways in getting ready for the celebration.

President Fisher also acknowledged the support Blue Mountain College has received through the coordinated arts program of the Mississippi Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Meeting in conjunction with the celebration were sessions of the BMC Board of Trustees, the Executive Board of the school's Alumnae Association and the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

## SBC Registration Cards Available From Dr. Kelly

Registration cards for the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, Texas are now available from the office of Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

## HMB Names Officers, Ups Budget, Adjusts Staff

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An adjustment was approved in the organization of the HMB administrative staff to provide a separate director of the board's program implementation section. Fred B. Moseley has been serving in a dual capacity as assistant executive director and also director of the program implementation section, which provides supervision and direction for the board's divisions of evangelism, chaplaincy, church loans, missions and associational services.

Under the new arrangement, Moseley will serve only as assistant executive director.

The HMB directors approved a committee of five board members to be named later to work with the HMB's administration in giving a response to the Committee of Fifteen, a special committee of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, which recently completed a study of Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

Rutledge, commenting on the recent report by the Committee of Fifteen and the Executive Committee's naming of a committee of nine denominational leaders to study mission strategy, said, "I think we stand to be helped. We are certainly interested in and open to the kind of strategy study that has been proposed."

Also approved was a \$100,000 reserve fund for disaster relief. For several years, disaster relief funds have been budgeted in the department of Christian social ministries or taken from other areas. In the future, rather than budgeting the funds in any department, the \$100,000 reserve will be set aside and maintained at that level, if possible.

The directors approved guidelines for personnel, finances and properties of the Home Mission Board in the transfer of the work in Panama to be assumed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Jan. 1, 1975.

More than 1,500 persons attended a missions rally at Highland Heights Baptist Church Tuesday night. The rally featured the commissioning of five missionaries and retirement services honoring nine missionaries.

MADRID, Spain — The recent organization of the "Iglesia Evangelica Bautista" (Evangelical Baptist Church) brought the total number of churches in the Spanish Baptist Union to 58 and the total in Madrid to seven. Julio Maranon will be pastor.

## Eastlawn Buys Van

Eastlawn Church, Jackson County, is in a building renovation program and has recently bought a 12 - passenger van to aid in the ministry to the senior citizens. Rev. Willie Wimbs is pastor.

## New Baptistry

Franklin Creek Church, Jackson County, has completed a new education building and has recently installed a new baptistry. Rev. Bobby Powers is pastor.

## ASUNCION, Paraguay — 50,000

packets of gospel information were distributed recently by personnel of the Baptist Hospital here, during the month long industrial exposition. Almost one third of the city population received the "good news" and many of the people showed a desire to learn more by asking questions about the hospital and the Baptists. Much interest was also due to a demonstration of an artificial heart - lung machine.



Newly elected officers of the SBC Home Mission Board of Directors for 1974-75 are (left to right): Alfred Bruce Coyle, pastor Highland Heights Church, Memphis, first vice-president; Mrs. Jacqueline W. Blanchard, of Atlanta, assistant recording secretary; Russell H. Dilday, Jr., pastor Second-Ponce de Leon Church, Atlanta, president; Carl Roger McDonald, pastor First Church, Toccoa, Ga., second vice-president; and Mrs. Nell T. Bowen, of Forsythe, Ga., recording secretary. (Baptist Press photo)



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## EDITORIAL

### A Trip To The Holy Land

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iting Israel. Any one of them can bring an unforgettable experience.

Your editor had another such experience on March 2-10 of this year. His was one of several visits to the land made by Mississippians in the past few weeks. Dr. and Mrs. J. Clark Hensley led a group to Israel and other lands early in February. Dr. and Mrs. Earl Kelly led a group on a 21 day tour which began in mid-February and ended on March 12. Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Bryan took a group which included a number of Mississippians, on a trip which began on March 3. All of these tours included several days in Israel.

The trip in which your editor participated was a special one. Last year, when a group of Southern Baptist journalists visited Israel, they asked if a tour could be arranged which would include the desert and mountain areas of southern Israel. Ordinarily these are not on the itinerary of tours of the land.

Most tours include Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, the Jordan valley and Massada, Galilee with the sea of Galilee, Nazareth, the upper Galilean valley, and perhaps Golan Heights, the coastal towns of Acre, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Joppa and the plain of Sharon which is the coastal plain along the Mediterranean. Visits may include the central area of the land north of Jerusalem and may go as far south as Hebron and even Beersheba. In these areas are located most of the scenes of the life of Christ, and of other characters of the Bible history.

To stand in the temple area, and at the garden tomb and Golgotha; to walk the narrow streets of old Jerusalem; to walk or kneel to pray with Gethsemane; to view the old city from the Mount of Olives; to walk in the streets of Jericho or stand by the waters of the Jordan; to visit the scene of the nativity in Bethlehem, or of Christ's

boyhood and young manhood in Nazareth; to stand beside or ride in a boat number of other places in the land, where our Lord walked and taught, or where other persons well known to students of the Bible lived and worked, is to bring unforgettable blessing and joy. We have been to most of them, and the experiences have blessed our lives and enriched our ministry. We would pray that many more Christians will be able to go.

The recent trip, however, was different. We visited hardly a shrine of the Bible story. This was a trip with a special purpose, and that purpose was perfectly fulfilled. We went to the land of Moses.

When our group assembled in New York on March 2, the originally expected fourteen had dwindled to four. Various reasons kept others of the group from going, but for the four it became a trip of a lifetime. Those in the party were Dr. Julian Pentecost of Virginia, Dr. Hudson Baggett of Alabama, Mr. Charles Richardson of Texas, and your writer. The first two are editors of the Baptist papers in their states, while the last named is associate editor of the Texas paper.

After the usual thorough check by El Al (Israel Airlines) authorities, we boarded the giant 747 jet in New York on Saturday evening, March 2. El Al makes sure that no person enters the plane with weapons or other instruments which could be used in hijacking or otherwise interfering with the flight. The surveillance is thorough, but passengers do not mind, for they know it is for their safety.

Travel on a 747 is quite an experience. This giant plane which is longer than the first air flight by the Wright Brothers in 1906, carries a crew of over ten, and approximately 400 passengers. All are comfortably seated, and there is plenty of room for moving

around, since there is a double aisle, seven galleys (for meals and service) fourteen washrooms, and other facilities for pleasant travel. The plane travels at more than 600 miles per hour, and usually flies more than six miles in the air. In the trip to Israel the plane makes the "great circle" route across the North Atlantic, and France, Italy, Greece, the eastern Mediterranean, and into Lod (now Ben Gurion) Airport which is near Tel Aviv. The non-stop flight takes about ten and one-half hours. On the flights three hot meals are served to all passengers. Movies, music and reading material are available for the travelers.

Flying seven miles high in the sky is no more of a sensation than sitting in a comfortable chair in one's own home, except that one is surrounded by hundreds of other people doing the same thing. There is no sensation of speed or of height, for the giant aircraft is pressurized to practically the same air pressure experience on the ground. There is little consciousness of noise from the motors. Sometimes there is a cloud cover over the earth so that below one sees only billowy white surface. At other times he may be able to see the sea or the land far below.

As one approaches Tel Aviv, stirring Israeli music swells from the speaker system, and a spirit of welcome to the land is felt.

After the landing, buses whisk the passengers quickly to the customs area of the airport. There passports are checked, and then the baggage is examined. Finally when the traveler has passed these, he is welcomed by the guide who will have charge of the tour in the land.

Modern vehicles carry him to the first hotel of his trip, and he is quickly welcomed and settled in comfort.

No nation anywhere has more carefully prepared to care for the tourist than has Israel. Highly trained and efficient guides lead every tour group, large or small. Modern buses and cars provide transportation over splendid highways and streets. Hotels are carefully regulated and compare favorably with first class hotels in the United States. The visitors' comfort and safety are uppermost, and the nation has seen to it that every visitor has the best possible care. Food is carefully prepared and even though sometimes different, because of Jewish laws and customs, from that in our own homes, is delicious and nourishing, and more than adequate for the tourists needs.

Even in a time of tension such as exists right now in Israel's relations with her Arab neighbors, there is little sign of unrest in the land. There is no unusual number of soldiers on the streets, and certainly few evidences of the preparedness which we are sure the nation keeps. Tourists are perfectly safe in the land, and actually it is probable that they are safer walking on the streets of Jerusalem or Tel Aviv at night, than in their own cities.

Israel is a wonderful place to visit because of what has happened there in the past.

It is a wonderful place to visit because of what is happening there today.

In succeeding articles we shall tell about the special trip which we have just made to Israel, and of things we learned from it.

ble manner, he presents truth clearly, and adapts it to the hearer. One feels that he is sitting in the congregation with an open Bible before him, as he reads these messages.

**STUDIES IN ACTS** by William J. Fallis (Broadman, 149 pp., pocket book paper, \$1.95). Reprint paperback of studies of the book of Acts, first published in 1949. A paragraph by paragraph study of Luke's story of the work of the early church.

**BECAUSE WE HAVE GOOD NEWS** by Wallace E. Fisher (Abingdon, paperback, 128 pp., \$2.50). The subtitle is A Layman's Guide for Person-to-Person Evangelism in Community. The book is just what it says. It provides suggestions for lay witness. Excuses which will be confronted are offered and answered. Little emphasis is given to the details of the gospel message. The book deals more with the work of witnessing than with the witness itself.

**THERE'S A NEW WORLD COMING** by Hal Lindsey (Vision House, 308 pp., \$4.95). The author of the widely read best-seller *The Late Great Planet Earth* and other books dealing with the Bible and prophecy, presents his own interpretation on the book of Revelation. This is not a commentary in the ordinary sense, but rather takes verse by verse and section by section of the book of Revelation, and makes the author's own applications of present day events as he sees them applying to the Biblical Revelation. Some of his interpretation may seem unusual, even to the scholar who views the book of the Revelation from a premillennial point of view, but he does make some strong arguments for his views. This is a look at the book of Revelation through 1974 knowledge and advance. The book seems almost fantastic in some of its interpretations, until it is compared with some of the "fantastic"

interpretations given by those who reject the premillennial view. As one makes those comparisons, he realizes that this new interpretation makes more sense than do some of the others. The book will open the eyes of those who are seeking to understand what Revelation is all about.

**BAPTIST WITNESS IN CATHOLIC EUROPE** edited by John Allen Moore (Baptist Publishing House, Rome, Italy, 200 pp.) These are addresses and reports made at a conference of Southern Baptist leaders who work in predominantly Catholic countries. Some of these are missionaries, some theologians, and some pastors. In the introductory message Dr. J. D. Huey of the Foreign Mission Board, tells of the challenge of the Baptist task in Catholic Europe. The messages reveal clearly the varied approaches and program used by Baptists in the various countries. It will help those unfamiliar with mission work and Baptist witness in Europe to understand problems and to see the strengths of our witness there.

**A HISTORY OF THE BAPTISTS** by John T. Christian (Bogard Press, 466 pp., \$3.50). A new printing of Vol. 1 of Dr. Christian's history, which was printed by Broadman in 1926. This volume tells the story from the beginning through the American revolution. Dr. Christian was a Mississippian. He believed that Christ established the church, and that churches like the one he established have existed down through the centuries. The story of that continued existence, and the history which has led up to modern Baptists, is skillfully and carefully told in this volume. Dr. Christian was an able historian and documents his statements and his conclusions. We rejoice that the volume is again in print, and hope that many Baptists will secure it and read it. It will give you a new appreciation of the people called Baptists.



## THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Says Churches Have Three Attitudes Toward Pastors

Editor: Churches have three general attitudes toward pastors.

1. "We have called the man that the Lord wants for our pastor. We will work with the Lord and with the pastor to do the Lord's work." These churches succeed.

2. "Pastor, we called you. Do the Lord's work. But don't expect much from us." These only succeed if new leadership comes in.

3. "If we could ever get the right pastor here, our church would really grow. But the pastor must let us dictate to him and to the Lord what the program of the church shall be." These churches go on year after year firing pastors or making life so miserable that they resign. They keep looking for that magician who can make the church grow and still leave the same dictators in the places of leadership.

A superintendent of missions told me about a group of people who came to him to talk about dismissing their pastor. He asked if they had any doctrinal or moral grounds for dismissing the pastor. They assured him that they did not. They felt that he just didn't fit into their church situation any longer.

Then he asked if they felt the Holy Spirit had led the church to call this man. They said, yes.

Then the superintendent of missions said, "If God put him here, don't you try to move him. When the Lord wants your pastor moved, he will do it." He got them to agree that they would go home and talk to no one except the Lord about the problems.

In a few weeks the pastor was called to a larger church where he spent many years serving a growing work. This plan accomplished two things. The pastor's future potential for the Lord was not hampered. The church was not injured by a disagreement over dismissing the pastor. Very likely there was a third benefit. No doubt those church leaders experienced a greatly deepened spiritual life.

Arthur C. Helton, Pastor  
Mt. Whitney Baptist Church  
Long Pine, California

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### Reader Sees No Humor In Joke

Dear Sir:

I wish to register a protest to the "Off the Record" article about Moses in your February 28 issue.

It was a real disappointment to find in our fine Baptist Record one of the so-called "jokes" that we might hear in some of the sick humor of the popular TV comedians. In fact, when I read again the scriptural account of this incident I found your so-called joke to be blasphemous.

I believe you owe your readers an apology; I also believe more discretion is called for in the selection of the "Off the Record" stories.

Mrs. T. E. Griffin  
Calhoun City, Ms.  
(New Hope, Zion Assoc.)

### Reader's Digest Asks To Quote Joke From Baptist Record

Dear Dr. Odle:

May we quote the following material... for reprint, digest and foreign language rights, these to include use in any language in any edition of the *Reader's Digest* and in

### Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Year before last I joined the Mississippi Press Women, a professional organization of journalists. Also I entered the annual writing contest sponsored by the association. Categories of judging are based on the size of the paper for which you write and the regularity of its publication, thus your competition is not way out of your league, and you feel you have a fighting chance.

Last March when I received the little notice that I was a winner in the contest and that what I was a winner of would be announced at an awards banquet on a given date, I ordered my ticket and went, quite excited.

It proved quite an interesting evening, but the most interesting thing (after I found out what I was the winner of) was seeing that in one category which had two entries, only one award was given, and it was a second place award. I asked if that were a mistake, and it was not.

It seems that certain standards are set for a first place award. If no entry measures up to a first place standard, no first place award is made, no matter how many entries. When the results of the National Contest came, it was again interesting to read all the results. My book, *The Christian Woman in the Christian Home*, which had been the only entry in the Mississippi Contest, but had been given a first place award and automatically entered in the National Contest because of the first place, did not even receive an honorable mention. The only award given in the category was "second place." I laughingly rationalized, "The judge must have been an atheistic women's libber."

I've thought many times that we Christians need to be aware that our "award" will not be based on the merit or lack of merit of anyone else's entry. It will be based on how we measure in relation to the standard.

Fortunately, we have our Judge's rule-book ahead of time, and the standard is set forth very clearly; also we may be sure that our Judge is a very fair one.

collections or compilations therefrom in the United States and all foreign countries?

Item: Food prices are so high that a lady said to her neighbor last week: "If you'll let me fry my eggs in your butter, I'll let you boil your ham in my cabbage."

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# 'It Was Love At First Sight For Us'

By Marion Harvey Carroll  
Fourteen-year-old Bettye Major of Chattanooga sat quietly in the church pew, listening to the prospective preacher. Suddenly he captured her full attention as he remarked, "I have four sons, ages 24, 19, 15, and 9."

When she returned home that night, Bettye announced to her startled mother: "The fifteen-year-old is mine!"

And so he was, five years later. "Yes, I picked him out before I even saw him," laughs Bettye (Mrs. Grady C.) Cothen, wife of the Sunday School Board's president-elect. "It was really love at first sight for us, because his family was only in Chattanooga five months."

A gracious, brown-haired lady in her early fifties, the former Tennessean has been Grady Cothen's wife and helpmate now for almost 33 years. Relaxing in an armchair in their New Orleans Seminary home, she reminisced about the events of 38 years ago that joined their lives.

"After Grady moved back to Mississippi, we didn't see each other for two years. But we wrote. Finally, his parents agreed to give him bus fare to 'go see Bettye' and 'get over that puppy love.'"

During the next three years the couple saw each other twice, a year while they pursued separate college careers, she at the University of Chattanooga and he at Mississippi College.

A week after his graduation from Mississippi College in June of 1941, the future seminary president and his childhood sweetheart exchanged wedding vows.

The newlyweds set up housekeeping at New Orleans Seminary, where the young bridegroom began theological studies so that he could qualify as a military chaplain.

His wife, who firmly believes that "It is so good if you can work along with your husband," took a two-year course in religious education and graduated with him. She also took piano lessons.

"The hardest experience I've ever had," she confesses, "was playing in recitals at NOBTS with my husband and professional musicians in the audience."

Seminary days over, Cothen received his U. S. Navy chaplaincy commission in 1944. "At the time, he was one of the youngest chaplains ever commissioned," his bride recalls. "But he had been a pastor for four years."

Two years later the Cothens marked a marital milestone: Their first child, Grady Coulter Jr., was born during his father's last month of military service.

For the next fifteen years the Cothens pastored White Oak Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Olivet Church in Oklahoma City, and First Church, Birmingham.

Reflecting on her experiences as a pastor's wife, Mrs. Cothen says: "Those were the happiest years. The people in the churches were wonderful, and we made many lifelong friends."

They were also busy years for the young mother, whose second child, Carol Lorraine, arrived in 1948. Between diapers and mixing formula, Mrs. Cothen donned the hats of RA and GA leader, and, in case of dire necessity, church pianist. Of her musical career she says modestly, "Let me put it this way—I was the best they had!"

In 1961 the Cothens' parsonage years came to a close when the head of the household accepted the position of executive secretary of the California Baptist Convention.

"It was the hardest adjustment for me to make," admits his wife. "We were no longer in the pastorate, and I missed it more than anything. I still miss it a little," she adds wistfully.

Nevertheless, she found her niche in California—"I asked God to give me a job and He did." For five years the state officer's wife served as superintendent of the Youth Department of their Fresno church. Under her leadership, enrollment increased from 188 to 253.

"I've enjoyed all my jobs," she remarks, "but this was the most interesting thing I've ever done."

In 1966 former Chattanooga stepped into the shoes of Oklahoma Baptist University's first lady as her husband assumed the presidency of the

## Elmer S. West Jr. Accepts Pastorate

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Elmer S. West Jr., director of program development for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has accepted a call to become pastor of the Ginter Park Baptist Church in Richmond, Va.

## Evangelism International: New Office In Singapore

Atlanta—Evangelism International, Inc., with offices throughout the world, has secured permanent facilities for its Singapore Operations. Dr. John Haggai, president, has announced.



NASHVILLE-BOUND—"Just a hundred more to go, Grady," encourages Bettye Cothen as she hands her husband a stack of books to pack. April will be moving month for the Cothens, who will travel from New Orleans Seminary, where he's been president since 1970, to Nashville. Dr. Cothen will succeed James L. Sullivan as president of the Sunday School Board. (Photo by Gerald Wright)

school.

The move precipitated adjustments. "At first I felt guilty because I wasn't visiting people who needed to hear the gospel," she explains. "But gradually, as I did my new job, I realized that it was another way to serve God."

Entertaining for the school was her prime duty, although she also squeezed in time to work with the professors' wives, to sponsor the ministerial students' wives, to join the Shakers Club, and to travel on weekends throughout the state.

"Since OBU is the only Baptist college in the state, we kept in close contact with the churches," she says. Then she recites the familiar lament

of every weekend—traveling wife: "Our suitcases were always either being packed or unpacked!"

It was time to pack up the suitcases again in 1970, when Cothen was inaugurated as president of his graduate alma mater, New Orleans Seminary.

"We felt like we were coming home," Mrs. Cothen recalls. "We renewed old acquaintances with friends we had gone to school with. And we related more closely here because we were working with full-time Christian workers."

Like President Cothen, who encourages seminary wives to attend classes with their husbands, the soft-spoken Mrs. Cothen stresses the value of higher education. "Any

amount of schooling you can get will ease your way," she advises young wives.

No Women's Libber, she views the wife's role as supportive, not competitive. "The trend today for many wives," she says, "is to make separate lives for themselves. I feel they're cheating themselves in so many ways. When you spend most of the time in another career, it's hard to have time to work with your husband."

A lady who takes her own advice, Bettye Cothen has walked beside her husband in his past jobs as pastor, state officer, college and seminary president. In April she will step into a new role as they move to Nashville and he succeeds James L. Sullivan as president of the Sunday School Board.

How does she feel about pulling up roots and moving again?

Very simply, she feels they are following God's will. "Our field was enlarged with every move," she explains, "but we had less personal contact. Every time we moved, we'd think at first: 'No, we can't move.' We'd pray and learn about the new job, and then we'd see that this was what God wanted us to do."

She looks forward to their new work in Nashville, although she thinks her husband's position will be "the hardest job he's ever faced—and it'll take all he's got to give."

In her new job as the SSB's first lady, Mrs. Cothen anticipates meeting and entertaining people from all over the world. "Mrs. Sullivan entertained the Russian delegates when they came to the States," she confides.

And should the Russians return while Mrs. Cothen is in Nashville, they may be treated to New Orleans-style French bread, which she plans to learn how to make.

She also hopes to become more actively involved in local church work and to take up sewing again. "And I want to read some of those hundreds of books I've been looking longingly at," she grins.

What will she miss most about leaving the Crescent City?

"Fishing on the Gulf Coast," she quickly responds. "After thirty years, I finally learned to enjoy fishing with my husband!"

Her blue eyes sparkle when she speaks of "my husband."

"I'm proud of him," she concludes. "But I guess you could tell that!"

## Flier Gambling Article Draws Texas Baptists' Fire

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"an obviously well-financed campaign" to make parimutuel gambling legal in Texas.

The matter is even more critical now, observers point out, since Texas is in process of writing a new constitution to replace a document nearly 100 years old.

The present constitution outlaws parimutuel gambling, banning parimutuel betting and lotteries.

However, a convention committee has proposed "an extremely weak" anti-gambling section, which will be debated in the months ahead.

Hurt has editorialized he will seek to kill the entire constitution "if it lacks barriers which are essential to a decent society."

He also commented: "We will not be satisfied with anything less than a clear prohibition. We want lotteries banned and that means all lotteries. We also want parimutuel gambling prohibited now and forever."

Texas International Vice President James O'Donnel said the airline is "deeply upset" by the article in the Texas Flyer, which he said is a special edition of a statewide publication.



That's Cooperation

Porter Routh (left), executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, looks over a check for \$1,046,500, presented by George E. Bagley, on behalf of churches in the Alabama Baptist State Convention, at the February meeting of the Executive Committee. The check was for Cooperative Program undesignated receipts, special offerings for foreign missions and home missions and other designations. Similar checks were also received in February for more than \$1 million from Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. (BP) Photo by James Lee Young

"Texas Flyer is a special edition of Texas Parade Magazine."

"All they do is wrap a special banner on the cover of 15,000 issues which says 'Texas Flyer,' and we put them in the seat pockets for inflight entertainment," O'Donnel said, explaining that the airline has no editorial control over Texas Parade, the magazine.

O'Donnel said the airline does not take stands on political issues, and that the article will more than likely "prompt some soul searching" about the future of the magazine on the airline.

Allen noted he believes the article "is a propaganda piece for the gambling interest."

Whatever the outcome of the Baptist Standard vs Texas Flyer issue, the whole war of gambling interests versus Texas Baptists is far from over.

Later, John J. Hurt said he was willing to forgive the airline. The Baptist editor said he had been contacted by the president of Texas Parade Magazine, publisher of the Texas Flyer.

"I'm confident the airline did not intend to run the article," Hurt said. "I regret the airline was a party to distributing the article."

"It is my hope the airline will be and the magazine's publisher will be on guard to such biased stories in the future," Hurt said.

## Missionaries On Furlough

The following missionaries are now on furlough in Mississippi. They may be contacted about speaking engagements at the addresses given.

Thomas and Gloria Thurman, Bangladesh, 921 Jackson Avenue, Columbia; Jimmy and Susie Hartfield, Mexico, 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson; Jerry and Carol Simon, Uganda, 715 East Northside Drive, Jackson; Bob and Dolores Magee, Colombia, Route 5, Tylertown; John and Elizabeth Merritt, Germany, Box 501, Waynesboro; James and Dorothy Gilbert, Ecuador, 208 East Main St., Clinton; Cornelia Leavell, Hong Kong, 208 S. Washington Avenue, Starkville.



## SCRAPBOOK



### Golden Daffodils

I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host of golden daffodils,  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

—William Wordsworth (1807)

### Verse For The Week

Awake, O north wind; and come,  
thou south; blow upon my garden,  
that the spices thereof may flow out.  
—Song of Solomon 4:16

### Where Were you On Wednesday Night?

Where were you on Wednesday night—at church or game or home?  
How do you think the Master felt when He found you had not come?  
Could it be because of indifference or worldly things put first?  
Or could it be that your heart has grown cold, which is even worse?

Where were you on Wednesday night—your pew was oh so bare.  
I hope and pray that it was not true that you did not even care.  
It was time to start as the few came in and the pastor got really shook;  
But whatever the reason or excuse may be, God has it in His Book.

Where were you on Wednesday night—a blessing was waiting there.  
But you will never know what you really missed, you didn't come for prayer.  
You even missed the fellowship and the Bible study too;

For a Child of God trying to follow His will, that will never do.  
Where were you on Wednesday night—right where I should have been;  
And because of the love of my dear Lord, I will be there again and again.  
If Jesus should come on Wednesday night to take me out into space,  
What a joy, no fear, my conscience is clear, to know that I was in the right place!

Where were you on Wednesday night? —by Bill Baker, Pastor, Dumas

### I Know That God And Spring Are Kin

In spring the sunshine warm and bright  
Chases the snow and ice away  
And tells the hiding birds: "Arise—  
It's time to come out here and play!"

The tiny buds all tucked away  
In winter's snug and dreamy beds  
Now take a peek at lovely spring  
And wipe the dew from sleepy heads.

"It's spring!" a little girl exclaims,  
"And here is how I always know—  
Purple proof in her outstretched hand:  
This first violet tells me so."

The dogwoods quietly welcome spring  
With fragrant flowers, soft and white;  
The birds lift high their heads and sing  
A birdland hymn with all their might.

Amid the beauty of each spring  
Just look beyond the trees so tall,  
Beyond the birds and flowers, too,  
And you'll see God—he made them all.  
—Victoria Singley

### My Garden

A garden is a lovely thing, God wot!  
Rose, primrose, pansy, violet blue,  
Fringed poppy, and the daisy,  
The cornflower, and the cowslip,  
The pansy, and the violet blue,  
Of peace and quietude the fool  
Contents that God is not—  
Not God! in gardens; when the eve is cool?  
Nay, but I have signs—  
'Tis very sure God walks in mine.  
—Thomas Edward Brown (1830-1897)

### A Million Springs

The world has seen a million springs,  
But every new returning brings  
The same delight, the same sweet thrill  
When blossoms blow and songbirds trill.  
—Patience Strong.

### God Sends Joy

The sun's warm rays  
In early spring  
The gentle silvery shower,  
Have caused the earth to grow and yield—  
The leaf, the bud, the flower.  
The robin sings his lilting song  
In sunshine or in rain,  
The streams and rivers run and laugh,  
The fields are green again.  
So God sends joy into our lives  
And sometimes trials, too.  
That we might grow in grace and love  
And sing His praise anew.  
—Mary Ann Shue

### SPRING

The year's at the spring  
And day's at the morn;  
Morning's at seven;  
The hillsides dew-peppered;  
The lark's on the wing;  
The snail's on the thorn;  
God's in his heaven—  
All's right with the world.  
—Robert Browning (1841)

If you are afraid of wolves don't go into the forest. —Russian

### The Green Little Shamrock Of Ireland

There's a dear little plant that grows in our isle,  
'Twas Saint Patrick himself, sure, that set it;  
And the sun on his labor with pleasure did smile,  
And with dew from his eye often wet it.  
It thrives through the bog, through the brake  
through the mireland;  
And he called it the dear little shamrock  
of Ireland.  
The sweet little shamrock, the dear little  
shamrock,  
The sweet little, green little, shamrock  
of Ireland.  
—Andrew Cherry (1762-1812)

### The Spring Of The Year

Gone were but the winter cold,  
And gone were but the snow,  
I could sleep in the wild woods  
Where primroses blow.  
Cold's the snow at my head;  
And cold at my feet;  
And the finger of death's at my e'en,  
Closing them to sleep.  
Let none tell my father  
Or my mother my dear—  
I'll meet them both in heaven  
At the spring of the year.  
—Allan Cunningham (1794-1842)

### Nature And Man

Waste no pity  
On the falling blossoms.  
Year after year  
They will come again  
With Spring.  
—Wang Wei (699-759)

### Over The Sea

Over the sea the stork flies,  
The frog croaks at sunrise,  
Out to sea the ice flows,  
Off to plow the farmer goes.  
—Bohemian weather proverb  
for March-12

### Reflections

In a puddle by the roadside  
Left by the warm, spring rain,  
Its waters dark and muddy  
With the brown earth stain,  
I saw a glorious mountain  
That stood up bold and high  
Reflected in the water,  
With a patch of cloud-decked sky.  
Sometimes in folk around me  
With burdens, hurts and fears:  
Through joyful, happy hours  
And often through their tears:  
In some loving acts of kindness  
As they show how much they care—  
In the lives of folk around me  
I find God reflected there.  
—Cyrus E. Albertson

### Spring In Washington D. C.

Spring comes to Washington, D. C., with the blossoming of the Japanese cherry trees. These famous trees circle the Tidal Basin, transforming the area into a pink and white bower of beauty. The original 3,000 trees were propagated from trees on the Arakawa River in Tokyo, and given by the Mayor of Tokyo to the city of Washington. Mrs. William Howard Taft, wife of the President, and Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese Ambassador, planted the first trees on March 27, 1912. The present 600 trees are usually in full bloom the first week in April.



BALMY AFTERNOON—A man and his dog pause during a stroll in a city park on a balmy Spring afternoon — (RNS Photo)



## Names In The News

Rev. Ben Carlisle, (pictured), pastor for three years of Calhoun Church in Covington Association, has accepted the call of Mt. Zion Church in Simpson County and is now on the field. Mr. Carlisle is a native of Sylvestra, Miss.



Mrs. Carlisle, the former Etta Causey, is a native of Gloster. He holds the B. S. degree from Carey College and the Th.M. from New Orleans Seminary.

Bethel Church, Lincoln Association, Bogue Chitto, ordained three new deacons on Sunday, February 17. Rev. Martin Hayden delivered the ordination message as Robert Brown, Geo. Meak and Bert Sasser, Jr. were added as deacons for the church. Special music was provided by Mrs. Leo Jordan singing "He Touched Me" and Floyd Grace singing "Follow Me." Rev. Douglas Benedict is the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Virgil Cooper, missionaries to Korea, are parents of a daughter, Amy Michele, born Feb. 21. They may be addressed at P. O. Box 76, Pusan, Korea. Born in Water Valley, Miss., Cooper also lived in Aliceville, Ala., and Vicksburg, Miss. Before their appointment he was pastor of Tangipahoa Church, Summit.

Rev. Bruce Fisher is interim pastor of Unity Church, Jackson County.



Thelma Williamson (center), pre-school director in the Sunday School department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Mrs. Joe Barber Jr., nursery school supervisor at Mississippi College, are shown with Bill Halbert during the recent "Fundamentals of Weekday Early Education" seminar held at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. Halbert, consultant in the board's church administration department, was the seminar director.

Rev. O'Dean Puckett, pastor of First, Natchez, was guest speaker for the recent youth spring banquet of Morgantown Church. Sixty-nine youth were present for the occasion, an all-time high record for the church. Other program activities included music entertainment by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Elliott, minister of music and youth, First Church, Vidalia, La., and master of ceremonies, Bob Caput, a disc-jockey of Natchez radio station WMIS. Billy Kay Miller is minister of music and youth. Rev. Charles Holifield is pastor.

Rev. Frank W. Gunn on Sunday, March 17, began his third year as pastor of First Church, Biloxi.

Rev. Max Jones recently resigned the pastorate of West Jackson Church in Jackson to enter the field of evangelism and supply work. Mr. Jones has been in the ministry for 18 years, and has served churches in Noxubee, Scott, Leake, Perry, Copiah, Yazoo, and Hinds Counties. He is making his home at 215 Bennett St., Crystal Springs, Miss. 39059 (telephone 892-3116).

Dr. Danny Howell, pictured, assistant professor of English at Mississippi College, has been selected for inclusion in the 1974 edition of Personalities of the South. A native of Bonifay, Fla., Dr. Howell has been a member of the Mississippi College faculty since 1968. He received the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College and later was awarded the master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees from Florida State University. Concentrating on linguistics courses at the college, Dr. Howell also serves as director of freshman English. He also finds time for writing, both scholarly and creatively, and has had an article accepted for an upcoming issue of American Speech. Dr. Howell is married to the former Nancy Frost and they, along with their children, live at 108 Maudedith Lane in Clinton.



Rev. Bob Storie is interim pastor at Orange Grove Church, Jackson County. The church is in a building renovation program and plans to add more education space.



Charles A. Carter (left), Jackson, attorney and banker, serves on the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees of Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, California. Mr. Carter is shown here with Eugene V. England, Seminary business manager, during a recent visit to the campus.

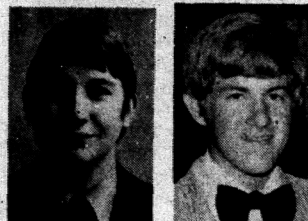
Dr. David B. Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has been selected for inclusion in the fourteenth edition of Who's Who in the South and Southwest, and also in Personalities of the South.

Dorothy Jean S. Smith Willingham was presented in her senior voice recital on March 8 on the campus of William Carey College. Dorothy is a music education major at Carey and plans on completing her degree requirements in May. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith, Jr. of Moorhead, she is a secretary at Nineteenth Ave. Church in Hattiesburg.

Rev. Bill Barton is interim pastor at East Moss Point. The church is renovating their auditorium.



Clarke College students included in 1974 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges are: Tommy L. Anderson, pastor, Hopewell church, Route 2, Little Rock; Gary Dennis, Opelika, Alabama; seated, 1 to r: Rebecca Boggan, Newton; David Carr, Newton; and Deborah Gardner, Laurel.



Jarman Arnold, former accountant for three Tennessee-based businesses, has been named accounting supervisor in the accounting and control department at the Sunday School Board, Nashville. Arnold fills the vacancy created when Joseph M. Harley, recently was promoted to become manager of the Baptist Book Store in Savannah, Ga.

Rev. Bobby Perry, pastor of First, Moss Point, has been on a preaching tour in Nigeria for the Foreign Mission Board and while there visited the Holy Land.

Valerie Lynn Turner was presented in her senior piano recital in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium of William Carey College on Tuesday, 8:00 March 19. A music education-medical technology major, Valerie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood O. Turner of Leakesville. She is a participant in the Honors Program and was first runner-up in the Miss Carey Pageant.

### Immanuel, Greenwood Calls New Pastor

Immanuel Church, Greenwood, has called Rev. M. C. Johnson as pastor. He is a native of Lake Charles, Louisiana. Mr. Johnson came to Immanuel from the Whorton Bend Church, Gadsden, Alabama.



He is married to Jeanne Johnson of Dallas, Tex. They have three children. Mr. Johnson attended Dallas Bible College and New Orleans Seminary. He has served churches in Texas, Louisiana, and

### Rock Bluff Calls Pastor

Rev. Kenneth West has accepted the pastorate of Rock Bluff Church, Smith County. He goes there from Thundering Springs Church, Leesburg, Georgia, where he served for four and one-half years.

He succeeds Rev. W. C. McGee at Rock Bluff. Mr. West is married to the former Jeanne Behm. They have a two-year-old daughter, Natalie. Both Mr. and Mrs. West are graduates of New Orleans Seminary.

Alabama. He also served with the Pioneer Missions Department of Home Missions in Maryland.

### Carey School Of Nursing Appoints Dean

The William Carey College School of Nursing, with campuses in Hattiesburg and New Orleans, announces the appointment of Mrs. Flora Alexander Blackstock as dean. President of the College, Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, said that the appointment is immediate and that Mrs. Blackstock, whose doctorate will be awarded in the very near future, is succeeding Mrs. Shirley Morrison who resigned to assume other duties.



Born in Sibley, Louisiana, Mrs.

Blackstock is married to Henry F. Blackstock, Jr. and the couple has a four children.

From 1969 until the present she has studied in the department of sociology at Tulane in the areas of social psychology and medical sociology, with special emphasis in Family Health and Sociology of Social Psychology of Nursing. She is completing her requirements for the doctorate.

About one in ten families with annual incomes over \$10,000 have diets that rate as fair to poor, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

### Itta Bena Ordains John Sproles; Antioch Calls Him

First Church, Itta Bena, recently held an ordination service for Rev. John Sproles, an active deacon of the church. Mr. Sproles surrendered to the gospel ministry on a recent Sunday morning, ending an inward struggle of many weeks. Immediately he was called as pastor of Antioch Church, Holmes County.

He continues to serve as manager of Mossy Island plantation near Morgan City while serving Antioch church. While additional schooling is not feasible at this point, Mr. Sproles feels that his many years as deacon, Church Training director, plus many other places of church leadership responsibility have served to prepare him for the role of pastor to the smaller rural churches that are not financially strong enough to support a full-time pastor and his family.

Rev. Donald R. Toomey, pastor of First Church, Itta Bena, states, "Should you visit Mossy Island plantation, you would probably find John riding the turn-rows, overseeing this large farming operation. By him on the seat of his pick-up truck will be his Bible and his notes as he makes preparation to sow spiritual seed next Sunday in his church."

## Lincoln Baptists Succeed In Getting Ordinance Passed Against Pornography

Lincoln County Baptists have been successful in bringing about the adoption of a local ordinance against pornography.

In October during annual associational meeting they received a report of obscene material existing in Brookhaven.

After researching this report, the Christian Action Committee asked that a resolution be adopted. The committee and the Superintendent of Missions, Eugene Roberts, then began plans for fighting this menace. They received ideas from Dr. J. Clark Hensley concerning what other associations had done and worked along similar guidelines. They sought support from other denominations and some civic groups and took their story to the local newspaper where they received free front page coverage.

Larry Barlow, chairman, Lincoln County Christian Action Committee, reports, "By December we had received what we considered ample support, so we then took an ad in the newspaper urging our city officials to adopt a pornography ordinance. At the December meeting of the city council we presented our case and were received very well. Most of the officials expressed shock at the material which we presented to them. In their January meeting the city

council did pass an ordinance, effective March 1, calling for control of the sale of pornographic materials. Surely, this is a step in making our community one with a Christian atmosphere.

### Mrs. Fannie Thompson Guest Speaker For National Baptist Woman's Meetings

By Barbara Taylor

Mrs. Fannie Thompson, president of the Women's Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention of America, has been engaged in a series of meetings for National Baptist women in Mississippi during the past two weeks.

Mrs. Thompson has been presenting the work of the women of the churches in the Convention and also telling of the work of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of America. In addition to reporting on the work which is being done, she has been encouraging women of the Convention to lead out in their churches in order that the mission work might be spread.

Mrs. Thompson is a member-at-large of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance and is serving as a member of the Baptist World Alliance committee of reconciliation.

"Without the aid of Dr. Hensley our campaign probably would not have been so successful. So to him we say thank you and may God continue to bless your work in our state."

As a member of the World Mission of Reconciliation Through Christ movement, Mrs. Thompson works with Dr. Joe Underwood of our Foreign Mission Board, who is Chairman of the Committee.

Present also in the series of meetings has been Dr. S. L. Richmond, Director of Sophia Sutton Assembly, Prentiss. At the meeting held at the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, March 10, Dr. Richmond told the women present of the construction and the use of the assembly as well as giving the schedule for summer camps at the assembly.

Helping to coordinate these women's meetings has been Miss Waudine Storey of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Dr. Dick Brogan, Director of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



Pictured, left to right: Dr. W. P. Davis, retired director, Department of National Baptist Work, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Miss Waudine Storey, Woman's Missionary Union, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Mrs. Fannie Thompson, President, Women's Auxiliary, National Baptist Convention of America; Dr. Dick Brogan, director of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and Dr. S. L. Richmond, director, Sophia Sutton Assembly, Prentiss.

### Ministers' Wives - - - (Continued From Page 1)

Hurt, both of Dallas. Special music will be furnished by a trio of ministers' wives, who, with their husbands, are Southern Baptist missionaries in Vietnam. Officers for 1974 will be elected.

Present officers are Mrs. Roy W. Babb, Nashville, Tenn., president; Mrs. James L. Jones, Dallas, Tex., vice president; Mrs. Charles J. Jolly, Madison, N. J., recording secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Emile Williams, Jonesboro, Ark., corresponding secretary.

Officers to serve in 1975 include Mrs. Maurice Clayton, Jackson, Miss., president; Mrs. Conrad R. Wilford, Miami, Fla., vice president; Mrs. B. J. Martin, Pasadena, Tex., recording secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. P. A. Michel, Brookhaven, Miss., corresponding secretary.



## Dress A Child At Easter -1974

### A GOOD GIFT:

Write or telephone us. Request sizes on a child in the age group of your choice. You may sew or shop as you choose and mail or deliver the clothing.

### A Better Gift:

Write or telephone us. Request our staff to take a child shopping for you. A better fit is insured and the child's own tastes are considered. \$35.00 will dress a child of 10 years or less; \$45.00 will dress a child from 10 to 14 years; \$55.00 will dress a high schooler; \$65.00 will dress college youth.

### THE BEST GIFT:

Make a cash gift to our "Dress A Child At Easter" Fund. Help us dress EVERY child at the Village in church clothing for spring and summer and help us underwrite our costly clothing and shoe budget for the entire year.

Join other individual Baptists and friends of children in dressing our boys and girls for church at Easter!

The Baptist Children's Village  
Box 11308-Delta Station  
Jackson, Mississippi 39213  
Telephone-922-2242



# Giving Life's Best To Jesus Christ

By Clifton J. Allen

Acts 6: 8-11; 7: 54-60

Stephen, the first Christian martyr, is the central character in this lesson. The strength of his witness aroused the enemies of the gospel against him with passionate hatred. With the incident of his martyrdom, a general persecution of the Christians began. This marks a turning point in Luke's account in Acts of how the church grew. The Christians had restricted their witness to Jerusalem. Their numbers had increased greatly. But, they seemed bound by their hostile prejudices against Gentiles; they initiated no effort to reach out to the Gentile world. This can only seem amazing in the light of the universal nature of the gospel. At this point the church begins its advance into Judea and Samaria, at least one step forward out into the world.

## The Lesson Explained

### STEPHEN, FULL OF GRACE AND POWER (6:8-11)

Stephen was indeed the "full" man. He was enabled by the Spirit to do

great wonders and miracles, many of them doubtless more in terms of winning hard converts than acts of healing; and these confirmed the gospel message. The synagogue was one place where Stephen shared his faith. The synagogue of the Libertines refers to freedmen, persons who were formerly slaves but had been set free. The groups mentioned by Luke were Hellenists or Greek-speaking Jews, the group to which Stephen had belonged. It is quite possible that Saul of Tarsus (later, Paul) was among those engaged in dialogue and debate with Stephen. Because his opponents could not refute his witness about Christ and because they resented his convictions about God's purposes as inclusive of all men, they secretly induced men to make false statements charging Stephen with having spoken blasphemous words against Moses and God. This so excited the people and the elders and scribes that they seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin, setting up false witnesses charging Stephen blasphemy against the Temple and the law and with a reference to Jesus of Nazareth that he would destroy the Temple and charge the customs which had come from Moses. Something about Stephen declared his awareness

of the very presence of the Lord. The fullness of the Spirit transformed this expression with spiritual radiance.

### DEFENSE BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN

The main thrust of Stephen's defense is an emphasis on the spiritual nature of true religion and the universal nature of God's intention through Israel. To emphasize these points, Stephen reviewed the history of Israel to show that God had not limited himself to one people or one land or one Temple. Stephen also emphasized the fact that the Chosen People had been rebellious throughout their history. Stephen was not attacking the Temple but showing that the Jews had not kept it. He was not attacking the Temple but showing that God was not restricted to a house made with hands. In other words, Stephen was laying the groundwork for an emphasis on the spiritual nature and redemptive power of the religion of Christ. His hearers were rebellious like their fathers had been, only more so. They were stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, always resisting the Holy Spirit. Their rebellion against God had come to its climax, not in persecuting the prophets, as their fathers had done, but

in betraying and murdering the Righteous One, even Jesus of Nazareth. They had had the law of God, but their guilt was in not keeping it.

### MARTYR FOR THE FAITH (7:54-60)

Stephen's blistering charge, spoken in the zeal of the Spirit, made the members of the Sanhedrin mad with rage. They gnashed on him with their teeth or ground their teeth against him. Stephen himself was caught up, through the quickening and fullness of the Holy Spirit, into an ecstatic vision of the heavenly scene and the glory of God. He declared, "I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God." His hearers were moved to uncontrollable hate and purpose. Stephen's indictment was more than they could take, his evident vision of the living Christ more than they were willing to endure. It seems that the Sanhedrin became a mob. They cast Stephen out of the city and stoned him to death. But among the witnesses was Saul of Tarsus, guarding the garments of those who were hurling the stones. Stephen himself in the moments of consciousness left to him, prayed to the Lord Jesus to receive his spirit and with wonderful forgiveness in his heart cried, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge."

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# The Lord Of History Is Lord Of The Future

By Bill Duncan

Mark 13:1 - 37

What is the use of studying history in school? I am sure this question is asked many times in the classrooms of our land, where a person is required to take history to graduate from high school. It is very important to have facts, dates and names in one's vocabulary. But it is more important that one knows who is behind history and who controls history. The history of the world is the judgment of the world, and as a great history maker, Cromwell, put it, "What are all our histories but God throwing down and trampling underfoot whatsoever He hath not planted."

At the very hour of his greatest power and influence, Napoleon, against the advice of his wisest counselors, was tempted to invade Russia. Today the pyramids of French cannons and cannonballs that one sees piled up on the courtyard at the Kremlin at Moscow show the high water mark of Napoleon's career of conquest. From Moscow to Niemen his legions lay scattered in the snow, frozen in the rivers, dead on the fields of battle. In a single campaign the greatest victories of history were suddenly succeeded by one of the greatest of military disasters in the history of mankind. To this day—at least until the Russian Revolution—the Russian people, realizing that in their deliverance there was something more than the genius of Kutuzov, the snow, the wolves, and the Cossacks, celebrate that overthrow by changing in their churches the great psalm which the Hebrews chanted when the host of Sennacherib, without an arrow shot against them, melted away before the walls of Jerusalem: "God is our refuge and strength. The heathen raged, the

kingdoms were moved: He uttered His voice, the earth melted" (Psa. 46:1,6).

God has not only controlled the history in days gone by but He is the Lord of the future. This does not mean "that every facet of life and history goes according to His good pleasure. Much that happens is surely contrary to God's will." Yet God's people can be confident that life and death and all eternity are in God's hand. God's hand in history can easily be seen. Because of this we see life moving toward a purpose or goal. Our study will show us this goal.

For most Bible students, the thirteenth chapter of Mark is one of the most difficult passages in the New Testament to understand and interpret. The passage has rich symbolism which had meaning for the disciples of Jesus but which are difficult to interpret today. There are also some passages that are to be taken literally. Yet one can easily see that God will ultimately triumph. There will be hardships for the church and Christians but we are to take hope in faith and obedience.

### THE WARNING OF THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM 1:2, 14-20

The disciples were admiring the magnificent temple building when Jesus announced that Jerusalem would be destroyed and the temple with it. Then less than 40 years later, the marching armies of Rome completely leveled the building and utterly destroyed the entire city.

Jesus foresaw that there would be a siege before the final fall of Jerusalem. The term "abomination of desolation" brought to mind the desecration of the temple by a heathen ruler to upset the Jewish people. Jesus used this term to teach the people to expect a power which would be

the incarnation of evil against the powers of God.

The prophecy of terrible days ahead for Jerusalem came true.

### THE WARNING OF PERSECUTION TO COME 9-13

Jesus never left His disciples in doubt about what would happen to them. The way would be hard but they were not to be afraid for God would be with them even giving them the words to say in their defense. The Christian faith which is based upon the fear of God was to be stronger than their fear of death or men.

The warning was clear and honest. Jesus warned the disciples of hatred. In a time of great fear, personal loyalties are destroyed so that love cannot be trusted. A personal commitment to Jesus Christ was to be stronger than family ties. The Christians were to be slandered.

The one who endures to the end will be saved. Death would be easy compared to the long campaign. Life is not safe until it reaches the fullest potential that God intended.

### THE WARNING OF THE LAST DAYS 3:6; 21-23

In the days ahead terrible things would happen to the disciples. As a result heresy would arise to produce an easy way out. These false deliverers would be identified as Messiah. These would be able to produce many convincing signs but be careful not to follow them.

Heresy arises from overstressing one part of truth. Many have gone "to seed" on the Second Coming or on the love of our fellowman. We need to be careful to teach the whole truth. This way we can have a balanced approach to life in difficult times.

Most of the false Messiahs came about from constructing a doctrine to suit themselves. One may twist the Word to justify themselves. We are to be careful in hard times.

### THE WARNING OF THE SECOND COMING 7:8; 24-27

In the course of time that only God

knows, Jesus Christ will return back to earth with great power as a fulfillment of promise. This is the climax of life for the Christian and is what we all should look for in His appearing.

There were three ideas presented that must happen before Jesus comes again according to Mark 13. (1) The Day of the Lord must be preceded by a time of war. "There will be wars and rumors of war." (2) The Day of the Lord was to be preceded by great disturbances in nature controlled by God. The powers of heaven shall be shaken as by a giant earthquake. (3) The Day of the Lord must be preceded by the Jews gathering back to Palestine from the four corners of the earth. The land of Palestine was to blossom with hope.

It is interesting to note that the things that Jesus prophesied are in fact happening. But remember the language was understood by the dis-

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## How's Your Hearing?

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# Revival Dates

Byram Church, Terry Road, Jackson: March 24-31; Rev. Arnett McCoy, pastor of Clinton Boulevard Church, Jackson, evangelist; services at 7:30 p.m.; former music directors in charge of music; special children's services at 7 p.m., under leadership of Mrs. John Overstreet; Rev. H. J. Bennett, pastor.

Greenfield Church, Greenville: March 24-29, Rev. Fred Robertson, First Church, Canton, evangelist; Don Wilkins, minister of music First Church; Jonesboro, La., music evangelist; Rev. Cecil G. Clegg, pastor.

First Summit: March 24-29; services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday; 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. during week; Rev. Bob Barker, Jr., Mobile, Ala., evangelist; Richard T. Lister, Jr., music evangelist; Rev. Larry W. Fields, pastor.

McComb, Friendship: March 22-24; services at 7 p.m.; Mike Catt, senior ministerial student at Mississippi College, from Pascagoula, evangelist; Walter Wexler, senior music major at MC, from McComb, singer; Martha Jean Murray, senior chemistry major, MC, from Liberty, pianist; youth banquet March 23 at 6 p.m. in church fellowship hall (tickets \$1 each); Rev. H. Glen Schilling, pastor.

Calvary, Natchez: March 17 - 24; youth-led revival; Rev. Oscar Bradford, evangelist; Donald Moore, singer; Sammy Corban, youth pastor; Duane Hammack, youth chairman of deacons; services at 7 p.m.

Webb: March 31-April 5; Rev. M. Lee Ferrell, pastor; Dr. Joe H. Cohen, pastor of Oak Park Church, New Orleans and former pastor of A11a

Woods Church, Jackson, evangelist; J. B. Betts, church music evangelist; Southaven, music evangelist; services at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday and 7:30 p.m. week nights.

Rawls Springs Church (Lebanon): March 24 - 29; Dr. L. Gordon Sansing of Meridian, evangelist; Rev. Bill Mitchell, pastor, to lead singing.

Parkway Church, Kosciusko: March 24-28; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., and week night services at 7:30; Tommy and Diane Winders of Tupelo, the evangelistic team; Rev. Billy R. Williams, pastor.

Highland Church, Jackson: March 24-28; Rev. D. J. Benson, pastor West Laurel Church, Laurel, evangelist; Sunday service 6:30 p.m.; weekday, 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Sam Creel, pastor.

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# Blue Mountain To Host Junior High Music Camp

Blue Mountain College will be the scene of a summer music camp for youth who are presently in grades seven, eight, and nine.

The camp date is June 17 through 21. Beginning on Monday afternoon and concluding with lunch on Friday, the week will be full of music activities, Bible study, and recreation. Dr. Stanley Aichison, dean, music Department at the college will serve as coordinator and clinician. Other faculty members will participate.

Enrollment will be on a "first come—first served" basis. Deadline for registration is May 15. Total cost for the week for each participant is \$35.00, et, and insurance. An advance registration fee of \$10.00 is required. The remainder of \$25.00 may be paid up on arrival for the camp.

The \$10.00 advance registration fee

should be mailed by May 15 to the Business Manager, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi 38610. It is recommended that when a group from one church registers, that one leader send in the fees for the entire group. Individuals should include their names and addresses, along with their registration fee. When the attendance quota is met, the registration fees will be returned.

The camp is sponsored jointly by the Music Department, Blue Mountain College, and the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

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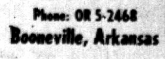
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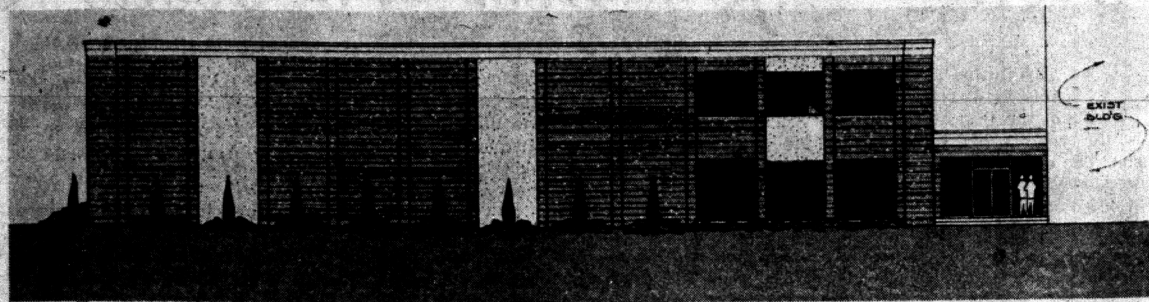


# First Church, Moss Point, To Build Family Life Center

A church grows in Moss Point! First Church, Moss Point, that is, and what would be a better time for Rev. Bobby Perry to announce plans for a new Family Life Center than during the Centennial Year?

The completed facility will cost approximately \$270,000, and of this, it is anticipated that \$100,000 will be pledged by the members with the balance to be financed through bond indebtedness or local lending institutions. The month-long building campaign started on March 3.

The first floor of the Family Life Center will house a multi-purpose gym, suitable for diving, skating, basketball, etc., a large game room, a lounge-i.v. — snack area, a kitchen, a room for senior citizens arts & crafts, office space, and equipment storage. The second floor will have a balcony for spectators and at least a dozen Sunday School classrooms. The complete facility will be located just to the south and adjacent to the existing church's educational building on Main Street.



For at least nine months the Church Planning Committee, headed by Jack May, has studied similar facilities and has received recommendations from the Architecture Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. In addition, the committee has consulted extensively with Architect James W. McCleskey, Jr. of Hattiesburg.

According to M. D. Ross, Sr., Chairman of the Building Fund Campaign Steering Committee, a church-wide banquet will be held on March

27 at 7 p.m. to promote the proposed center.

As the committee began the Centennial planning, which included the vision of the Family Life Center, they learned that a group of Baptists began meeting in the home of Mr. Price on September 23, 1873. It was not until September 6, 1874 that this group met in the Methodist Church and organized the Moss Point Baptist Church. With these two dates in mind, the committee decided that the celebration should reflect upon both

of the significant dates. Therefore, the final product of the committee planning was to launch the celebration in conjunction with the September '73 date and climax with '74 date.

Pastor Perry says, "It is fitting that at the end of our first one-hundred-years of history to begin the next century with a magnificent vision."

## Samford Drops Inter-Collegiate Football

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — Samford University here won't be kicking off when the 1974 football season rolls around.

Citing increased costs and dwindling gate receipts, spokesmen for the Baptist university announced that the school's intercollegiate football program is being discontinued.

Samford began its football program in 1902, fielding teams-68 years, with brief lapses during war-time.

## High School, Junior College Students Invited

### Ole Miss BSU Plans Retreat At Tombigbee Park

The Baptist Student Union of the University of Mississippi will hold its spring retreat at Tombigbee State Park near Tupelo, April 19-21. The leadership will be provided by members of the music group "Grain" which is sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board, SBC. The group which is made up of persons who have lived and traveled overseas will share with students in a program of discussion and worship.

The theme of the retreat is "Becoming". The program will include discussion on the following topics: "Becoming the Children of God," "Becoming Mature Christians," and "Becoming Ministers in the World." Periods of both private and corporate worship will be included along with a great deal of time for recreation and fellowship.

Although the retreat is designed to meet the needs of Ole Miss students, a new dimension is being added to this year's retreat. A limited number of spaces have been reserved for mature high school seniors and junior college students who plan to come to Ole Miss next fall. The idea is to allow these special persons to get a head start in becoming acquainted with many students, find out what it

really like at Ole Miss, and become aware of how their involvement in BSU can become a meaningful part of their college life.

Pastors and S. S. leaders are encouraged to seek out the future Ole Miss students in their church and inform them of this opportunity. The cost will be \$10 for the week-end. Since only a number of spaces are available, applicants will be served

## Youth Workshop Scheduled For Apr. 26-28 In Louisville, Ky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — So, you're looking for some help with your youth ministry. How would you like to talk about it with such people as Wayne Oates, Sabin Landry, Bob Taylor, Myrte Veach, and Don Blaylock?

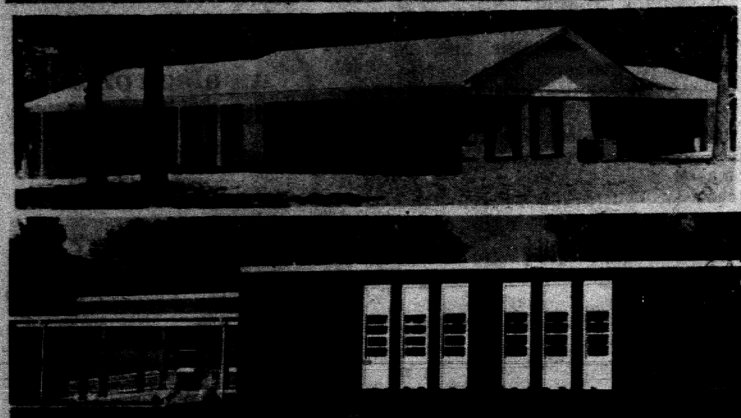
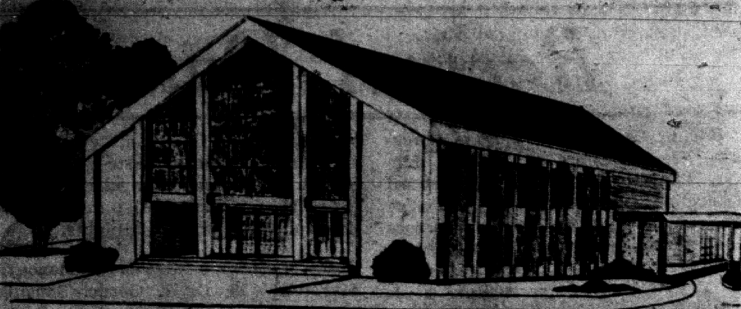
They are among the leaders for the Sixth Annual Summer Youth Program Workshop scheduled for April 26-28 at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville. The program will be designed to assist both professional and lay workers who work with youth.

on the basis of receiving the registration fee. For additional information write: Baptist Student Union, Box 292 University, Miss. 38677. Lenord Roberts of Brookhaven is president of the BSU. Ron Boswell is director.



## Westwood Buys New Pastorage

Westwood Church, Meridian has bought a new pastorage at \$36,000, next door to the church. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davis, from whom the house was purchased, gave as a gift one acre of land which joins this property. Open house was held February 10 with a great number of church members and visitors in attendance. Rev. and Mrs. W. Buford Ustry, pastor of the church, moved into the home in January. The church has voted to sell the old pastorage at the price of \$18,500.



## First Church, Union, Enters Phase Three

First Church, Union (Newton County) held groundbreaking services, February 24, to begin construction of a new sanctuary, top photo. C. A. Barnett, Building Committee Chairman, led the congregation in a prayer of dedication and turned the first shovelful of ground. Pastor Douglas White followed in shoveling ground.

This groundbreaking, second photo, was the beginning of the final portion of a three-phase building program begun in 1967. The new pastorage, third photo, was completed in 1970. The dedication service for this building was held on Sunday, May 16, 1970, with Dr. Joe Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, delivering the dedicatory message. Dedication for the new educational building, bottom photo, was April 16, 1972 and Dr. Odle delivered the message for this service also. The new sanctuary, to be built by Central Construction Company of Philadelphia, will have a seating capacity of 576. Most of the front will consist of faceted glass with a picture in the center with a crown of thorns and drops of blood. There will be a suite of offices for the pastor, music director and church secretaries on the ground level. The choir room and robing rooms will be on the second floor. A spacious library will also be located on the ground level. The 12,100 square feet complex is to be built at a cost of approximately \$484,000.

Charles P. McMullan of Jackson has been the architect for all three phases of work done by First Church, Union.



## Unity (Greene) To Build Auditorium

Unity Church, Greene County, recently held groundbreaking ceremonies for a new auditorium. Mrs. Walter Ball, (holding purse) was specially honored, as the only living charter member. The church was organized in 1913, with 18 members. Rev. Curtis Reese is the pastor.



## Lyman Groundbreaking

Members of First, Lyman, assembled at site of their new building on Old Hwy 49 March 3 for groundbreaking. This officially began the \$30,000 building of a new Children II and Youth Building. It will include eight classrooms. Carl Y. Parker is architect. Members plan to do finishing work themselves. Building Committee is in foreground, left to right: Woodrow Wilson, R. Wayne Lee, Richard Allen, Hubert Purser, chairman, Kenneth Bradley, Jerry Towery, and Rev. A. H. Weger, pastor.



## Work Progresses On Library Addition

These two Mississippi College coeds will soon be changing these hard hats for earphones as work on the addition to the Leland Speed Library progresses. The two coeds are Debbie Townsend (left) of Florence and Lisa Lyle of Lena, being furnished hard hats by two construction workers, Chuck Gans (left) and Jock Taylor. The library addition will house a Learning Resources Center equipped with the latest electronic equipment. It will also provide additional space for books and related items. — (M.C. Photo)

## Devotional

### Maturity And The Cross

By W. C. Burns, Pastor, First, Taylorsville

Maturity begins and certainly continues to relate to the crucifixion like a rose relates to the bush upon which it is produced. But what many people overlook is the fact that four crucifixions are mentioned in the Bible. Within the Bible context the crucifixion announces the end of an old matter and portends the beginning of something new.

The crucifixion of Jesus Christ is the first one. It is here that spiritual perspectives and attitudes are first formed. The redemptive work of Jesus on that cross makes possible the beginning of spiritual life so here is the first step to growth. Later when the measure of maturity is made it will be according to "the fullness of the measure" of that Christ!

Paul approached the "babes" in the Corinthian Church with the following words: "I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (I Co. 2:2). These words cannot be easily misconstrued. Paul pointed them to the measuring rod by which they could see their shortcomings and additionally pointed them to the guiding truth by which their maturity could be realized.

The crucifixion of self is next. (Gal. 2:20): "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." There are two points I stress here. (A) "I am crucified" is a past tense judicial position provided by God's action and attitude. The believer has been crucified with Christ in a divine fact. (B) But maturity of the believer demands that this crucifixion be accepted, appreciated and applied in daily conduct. Thus, when selfishness and self-centered living are abandoned in favor of "crucified" living a person has greatly matured spiritually.

The crucifixion of the flesh is next. (Gal. 5:24) "and they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." A physician said the newborn baby first cries because of its fleshly discomfort. That is good because it serves a purpose in birth. These cries bring mother's quick response to meet that need and sustain that life which is so precious. But when that baby has grown physically into adulthood and still demands that pampering physical attention to the flesh it is known as immaturity. Fleshly appetites and desires become gauges to maturity. Jesus said he came not "to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Paul said, "If ye live after the flesh ye shall die, but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."

Last, (Gal. 6:14) — "The world is crucified unto me—". Christian maturity is certainly measured by one's attitude toward the world. James wrote "—he friendship of the world is enmity with God. Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." A mature Christian will limit himself to the priorities of the Lord. We are in the world but not of the world. Of necessity our life style will be fashioned by the systems of the world, but we are to be agents of our Lord introducing the people of this world to the life-changing powers of our Lord. Maturity is discerned in this transaction and this attitude.

## S. S. Lesson - - -

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clips. There is no built-in timetable for the future.

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The early disciples believed that the Second Coming would be in their generation. But Jesus said, "No one knows except God when these things shall be." But those, who expected the return soon, lived with a watchful eye and a fast hand doing what they could while they could.

We are always living in the shadow of eternity. So everyday our work needs to be complete and done. We should so live that it does not matter when He comes. If our lives are fit for Him to see us then at any moment we should be ready to meet Him face to face.

We can see that there is a Lord of history. But it is only the man of God who can see into the secrets of history. It is only the man who knows the Lord that can enter into something of the plan of God. There is one thing we can be sure about: history is going somewhere.

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## Boone And Ball, Music Ministers, Go On Concert Tour

On March 4-8, Don M. Boone, minister of music at Rocky Creek Church, and Paul W. Ball, minister of music at First Church, Foley, Alabama, went on a sacred concert tour. They sang at First Church, Foley; First, Frisco City, Alabama; Sylacauga Church, Sylacauga, Alabama; Calvary, Waynesboro; First Church, Theodore, Alabama; and Rocky Creek, Lucedale.

Their program is entitled "Jesus! The Life and Ministry." They are also singing with rock action tapes. So are here.

"Jesus Is Coming" and "The Calvary Musical, 'Alleluia.'" Visual aids are also used in the program and Holy Land slides are presented throughout the musical about the life and ministry of Christ.

If your church is interested in having this program presented, contact Don M. Boone, Rocky Creek Baptist Church, Rt. 4, Lucedale, Miss., or Paul W. Ball, First Baptist Church, Foley, Alabama.

## Off The Record

### The Twelve Days

On the fifth day of April, my true love gave to me — five packs of seed, four bags of peat, three bags of fertilizer, two bottles of insect spray, and a pruning knife for the pear tree.

Said Mrs. Paul Revere: "I don't care who you say is coming, it's my night to use the horse!"

A man went to his doctor and said, "I sure hope I'm sick."

"You hope you're sick!" said the doctor.

"Well, I sure would hate to think I felt this bad if I wasn't sick." — Quote

Filling out a series of reports at the end of the school year, one tired teacher came upon this line: "List three reasons for entering the teaching profession."

Without hesitation she filled in: (1) June, (2) July, (3) August.

Two secretaries were discussing their troubles during their coffee break. "All I asked him," moaned one, "was if he wanted the carbon copy double spaced, too."



crowded room by the 1974 time-honored, Kathy Smith of Jackson, Miss. Ross, a senior music major, won out a field of fourteen competitors in the annual pageant which carried an "Over the Rainbow" theme this year. She will represent her school at the Miss Mississippi pageant in Vicksburg in July. The daughter of Mrs. E. B. Ross of Hattiesburg, Elaine is an active member of Temple Church, Hattiesburg.